

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

October 2012 – Week 3

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TITLE: HATCHET JOB

OCTOBER 1902 AND A CRUSADER COMES TO AUSTIN.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

OCTOBER 16, 1902. AUSTIN. A DECADE AFTER FIRST GAINING FAME AS A HATCHET-SWINGING ANTI-LIQUOR CRUSADER, CARRIE NATION IS IN TOWN ON A TEXAS TOUR. ONCE SEEN AS A SERIOUS REFORMER, NATION'S STAUNCH BELIEFS AND BAD MANNERS NOW SEEM QUAIN.

TODAY, AS A JOKE, UT STUDENTS ESCORT THE "KANSAS CYCLONE" TO THE UNIVERSITY TO REFORM THE FACULTY – WHO THEY INFORM HER ARE ALL DRUNKARDS.

ON THE STEPS OF THE MAIN BUILDING, NATION SPEAKS TO ABOUT 150 STUDENTS, BUT IS MET WITH RAUCOUS LAUGHTER AND DRINKING SONGS. THE HUMORLESS NATION DOESN'T UNDERSTAND. WHEN UT PRESIDENT PRATHER TRIES TO PUT A STOP TO IT, SHE INSULTS HIM AND RETURNS TO HER HOTEL.

CARRIE NATION FAILED TO REFORM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS 110 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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Galveston Daily News, October 17, 1902.

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